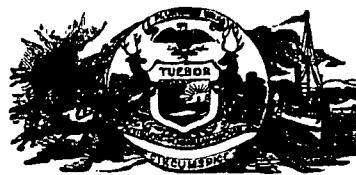


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Oil Prospects Stirs Crawford, Roscommon Counties

Oil-Gas Show in South Branch Twp.

WEBER OIL CO.'S FLOETER NO. 1 SCENE OF OPERA- TIONS

Last week Friday's edition of Oil & Gas News, the official publication in the exploration, production, refining, transportation, marketing and financing of Michigan oil, printed a five column heading saying "Dundee Oil-Gas Show Stirs Crawford County."

This is in Weber Oil Company's Floeter well No. 1, located on the NW quarter of the SE quarter of the NE quarter of section 31, town 25 north of range 1 west, situated in South Branch Township in the southeast portion of Crawford county.

The test was shut down after reporting an oil-gas show 5 feet in the Dundee. The top of the lime was logged, on preliminary measurement, at 2,976 feet. The test was shut down at either 2,976 or 2,981 feet. Operators did not indicate when they expected to test the zone further.

The property on which the operations are being conducted is 40 acres belonging to William J. Floeter, a well known South Branch farmer.

Dan H. Johnson of Mt. Pleasant, an investor in oil lease royalties has been on the ground and informed us that there were definite evidences of oil and gas. The outcome, he says, is not assured, however he claims to have seen similar indications further developed without success, and also has seen gushers come in after a few feet more of drilling.

The absence of any water seems to please the oil men with the prospects of the Floeter well.

According to reports, casings are being put down, preparatory to continue the drilling and to give the well the acid test.

Of course there is much excitement in and about Crawford and Roscommon counties, and especially so in the vicinity of the drilling operations. Oil men have been flocking there by the score and everyone is rushing to secure leases and to have old ones renewed.

Should an old gusher come in, a big boom may be assured in local real estate. Some claims have been made by geologists, so we have been informed, that the main reservoir of the West Branch and Gladwin oil fields lie in this vicinity. However we refuse to become excited over the prospects just yet.

Twenty-five canoes bore the party of 100 soldiers and settlers and their supplies when Cadillac founded Fort Pontchartrain at Detroit.

Youngsters To Have Play December 20th

Santa's Christmas Eve will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 20th, at seven o'clock sharp in the high school gymnasium by the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades under the direction of Miss Tapio, Miss LaFave and Miss Anderson. A small admission will be charged. Tickets may be purchased from the children or at the door.

The program is as follows:

Christmas Parade—Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades.

Songs by Choir—"O Come All Ye Faithful", "Wind Thru The Olive Trees".

Song—"Santa Is Coming To Town".

Song—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas"—Ernie Parsons.

Song—"Santa Land"—Santa Claus.

Song: "Heigh! Ho!"—Snow White and Seven Dwarfs.

Dance: Snowflakes.

Song and Drill—Christmas Trees.

Song and Drill—Stars.

Song—"Christmas Bells"—Bells.

Dance: Bells.

Song—"Deck The Halls"—Holly Wreaths.

Dance: Poinsettias.

Poem: "Little Jack Horner"—Story Book Dolls.

Song and Rhythm: Jumping Jacks.

Doll Rhythm: Boy Dolls.

Songs: "Up On The House Tops" "Silent Night".

Songs by Choir: "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Now Our Program's Over."

The personnel is as follows:

Choir—Robert Bancroft, Edwin Bancroft, George Granger, Terry Hilton, John Kaspar, Dick Reava, James McClain, Donald Milliken, Charles Deinra, David Hanson, Junior Peterson, Ernie Parsons, Terry Nielson, Warder Smith, Donald Lovely, Bruce LaChapelle.

Children—Ernie Parsons, Helen Sorenson, Bobby Williams, Genevieve Kolkka.

Snow White and Seven Dwarfs—Snow White: Joan Bond; Doc: Bobby Brady; Sneeze, Carl Dean Hansen; Happy, Junior Gierke; Bashful, Victor Papendick; Sleepy, Bobby Smith; Grumpy, Billy Worden; Dopey, Larry McNamara.

Rabbits—John Hanover, Paul Amburgey.

Birds—Robert Lietz, Billy Akers, Albert Williams.

Snow flakes—Martha Pratt, Duane Thompson, Joan Harwood, Phyllis Milks, Betty Jean Mathewson, Norma Crawford, Elaine Tinker.

Christmas Trees—Eddie Cody, James Hatfield, Jack Trudeau, Gene Crawford, Elmer Hanover, Bobby Wakely, Gary Hatfield.

Stars—Darleen Love, Maxine Merrill, Jane Brown, Patsy Failling, Jean Hanover, Ruth Peck, Manola Ingalls.

Bells—Sue Giegling, Patsy (Continued on last page)

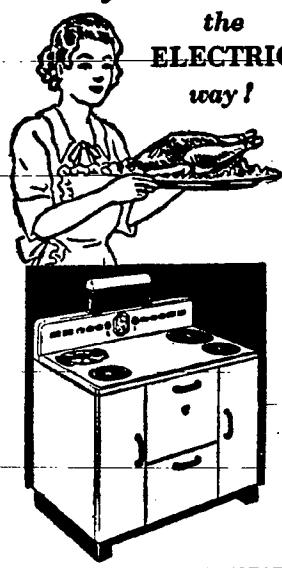
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Gaylord Senior Prom Dec. 23rd

Gaylord High School seniors will hold the annual Senior Prom at the new Gaylord gymnasium on Friday, December 23 at 9:30 p.m. Although the party will be semi-formal, it was decided not to restrict the mode of dress to formal gowns alone.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by a sensational newcomer—Jerry O'Hara's orchestra. Reports from other places that the orchestra has played indicate they have "everything." Dancing will take place from 9:30 to 1:30 on one of the finest dance floors in Michigan, which has been given a \$150 refinishing job especially for the occasion.

The senior class, with the experience of producing such gorgeous decorations at their J-Hop last year (which brought forth many favorable comments from the 300 people attending) hope to produce a decoration scheme equally as pleasing this year. Blue and silver will be the color scheme and evergreen will be used extensively. Everyone is cooperating to make this party the biggest and finest party of the holiday season.

Two Injured In Auto Accident

Two men were injured Sunday afternoon when their truck went out of control and overturned seven miles south of here. Frank Milliken, 42, of Roscommon, driving the truck, reported to state police who investigated that he suddenly lost control of the truck and was powerless to prevent the accident.

Milliken and Frank Snyder, 31, of Clare, riding with him, were brought to Mercy hospital here by state police where Snyder was treated for cuts about the face head and released. Snyder was asleep at the time of the crash.

Milliken received an injury to his back, but X-rays showed that it was nothing serious. However he was badly cut and bruised but will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Father Gabriel Richard in 1809 published one issue of the first newspaper printed in Detroit.

80 To Take Part In Christmas Program

Sunday, 5:00 P.M., December 18, Michelson Memorial Church

Next Sunday evening Michelson Memorial church will sponsor a special Christmas musical program. This will be under direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Eighty people will take part in the event. The program that is herewith presented is an assurance of its excellence. There will be a senior choir of 20 trained musicians and a junior choir of 40 voices. The singers will be augmented by an orchestra of 20 pieces.

Everywhere, all over the country mass choirs for Christmas time are being organized. In the city of Detroit one choir will be made up of 1,800 singers. And Grayling with its choir of 80 musicians is certainly making a remarkable showing.

This will be a twilight service, starting promptly at 5:00 p.m. We know of nowhere one may spend a more enjoyable hour and a half than by attending this delightful song service. Following is the program:

Processional:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

—Junior and Senior Choir, Orchestra.

"Joy to the World"—Congregation.

"Beyond the Starry Skies", (Ira B. Wilson), Junior Choir, Duet—Older Junior Choir.

"Come, Savior, Come," (Petrie)—Mrs. Milnes and Mrs. Jarmin.

"Christmas Chimes", (Lake) Orchestra.

"Lullaby Hymn" (Holton)—Ladies choir, Solo and Obligato—Mrs. Jarmin.

"The Christmas Song," (Adam) —Senior Choir, Obligato—Mrs. Milnes.

"Mary Slumber Song" (Lorenz) —Younger Junior Choir, Solo and Obligato—Barbara Borchers.

Offering.

"Yuletide Echoes" (Saunders) Orchestra.

"Lead Me" (Petrie)—Senior Choir.

"Christmas Hymn"—Violin Ensemble.

"And There Were Shepherds" (Wilson)—Duet—Natalie Peterson, Nelle Welsh, Solo—Nelle Weish.

Recessional.

"Silent Night"—Junior and Senior Choir and Orchestra.

FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

Charles A. Dubs of Afton, Mich., who was arrested on November 28, charged with reckless driving, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.00 and costs or serve 30 days in the County jail, when the case came up for trial Monday.

Dubs, accompanied by his wife and two children, and driving a car on which there were no lights except a flashlight and lantern, caused a state police car driven by Trooper Winston Smith of Cheboygan Post to leave the highway and crash into a tree wrecking it. Trooper Smith met the lightless car at the brow of a hill two miles south of Grayling on US-27 and left the pavement to avoid a collision.

Dubs pleaded not guilty to the charges, on being arraigned following the accident and so the case was held over for trial.

He paid the costs of prosecution and has until Jan. 15 to raise money to pay the fine that was imposed upon him.

The magnetic storm of October 21, 1903, on the Great Lakes caused compass declinations as great as three degrees.

Charity Ball At Masonic Temple

CHARITY BALL WILL BE
GIVEN DEC. 31ST AT
MASONIC HALL

The announcement that the Hospital Aid society are giving a New Year's Ball for the benefit of Mercy Hospital will be received with enthusiasm in this community.

For many years the Hospital Aid sponsored beautiful balls given on New Year's Eve. They were looked forward to each year by everyone who enjoyed dancing, fine music, and a general good time. For a few years the party was given up and private parties were given by other organizations.

This year Grayling people and friends in nearby towns are going to enjoy a lovely party at Masonic Hall with Geo. Heat's 4-piece orchestra of Alma, furnishing the music.

Tickets will be \$1.50 per couple. Committee in charge of the affair are as follow:

Decorations—Mrs. Roy Milnes, Miss Margrethe Bauman, Mrs. Roy Trudeau, Mrs. C. R. Keyport, Misses Jayne Keppert and Georgiana Olson. Tickets—Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mrs. M. Hause, Mrs. Chas. Moore, Mrs. Thos. Cassidy, Mrs. O. P. Schumann.

The tickets are on sale now and the public is urged to attend. See the ticket committee now.

EXPLOSION CAUSES DEATH TO MAN AND WIFE

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin West, of Lewiston, were fatally burned Tuesday morning, when in an attempt to start a fire with kerosene, according to reports an explosion occurred. The explosion set fire to the home and both husband and wife were severely burned. They were brought to Grayling Mercy Hospital Tuesday afternoon, and Mrs. West, who was 52 years old passed away at 7:30 o'clock that evening.

Mr. West died shortly after noon Wednesday.

The family had resided in Lewiston for six months, having come from Jackson.

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The Grayling High School 32-piece band under Director Herbert Rowland, made its debut and was a real success. The band has come along fast and plays with real snap and remarkable precision. They added a great deal to what was a great night for Grayling.

George "Birdie" Tebbets was the official and the whistle-toting department was very well taken care of. The Tiger catcher demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that he knows his basket.

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It is natural to expect that history will repeat itself and that there will be now and then a year of exceptionally heavy losses. The Windstorm company of this city has had three such years in its more than 50 years history. Then, the company paid its losses by increasing its assessments. It had to borrow some at the banks. That was not as difficult then as it would be now. The borrowed cash was repaid the following year.

The present alert and careful managers of the company are aiming to put its finances in such condition that it could meet unusually large losses without any increase in its assessment rate of 15 cents on the \$100. Fortunately for the company, none of the last few years have shown heavy losses. While there have been several thousand claims for damages by windstorms every year, on the average these have been small in the last few years. The officers realize, and every person insured by the company should realize, that there will occasionally be a year with severe and destructive wind storms. If there is not some provision to pay them from the company's own resources, it would have to resort to borrowing.

In that event the stockholder faces the possibility of a considerable increase in his assessment the following year, for borrowed money has to be paid, and interest is always added. We have in mind such a year as 1920. It will be remembered that in March of that year, in one day there were two cyclones which swept diagonally across Barry county. There were other tornadoes in other parts of Michigan that day. While they did serious damage in this county, tornado losses were that year much heavier in other counties where the land is level. At that time the Windstorm Company had \$177,000,000 of insurance in force. At the present time it has over \$420,000,000. In the year 1920, this company paid over \$150,000 in losses to patrons due to cyclones and windstorms. If such severe windstorms should hit Michigan now in one year, when the company has nearly twice and one-half times as much insurance, it would mean that it would have to assess nearly \$1,250,000 for losses and also provide for the regular expenses of the company—if it had no reserve fund, that would mean a comparatively heavy assessment.

Munising—A pair of freak deer, one black and one white, have been sighted here this fall. The first was a large albino buck, sighted on Skeels Lake. Black deer, which are not truly black but dark moose color, have also been seen.

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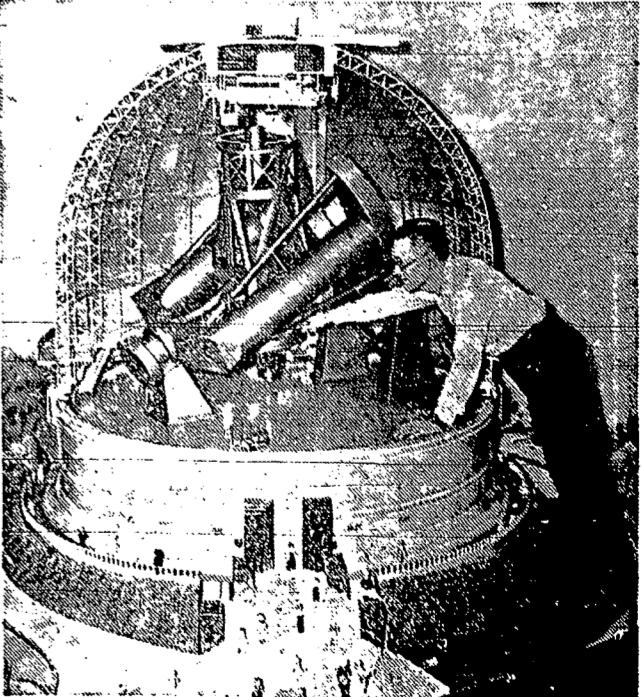
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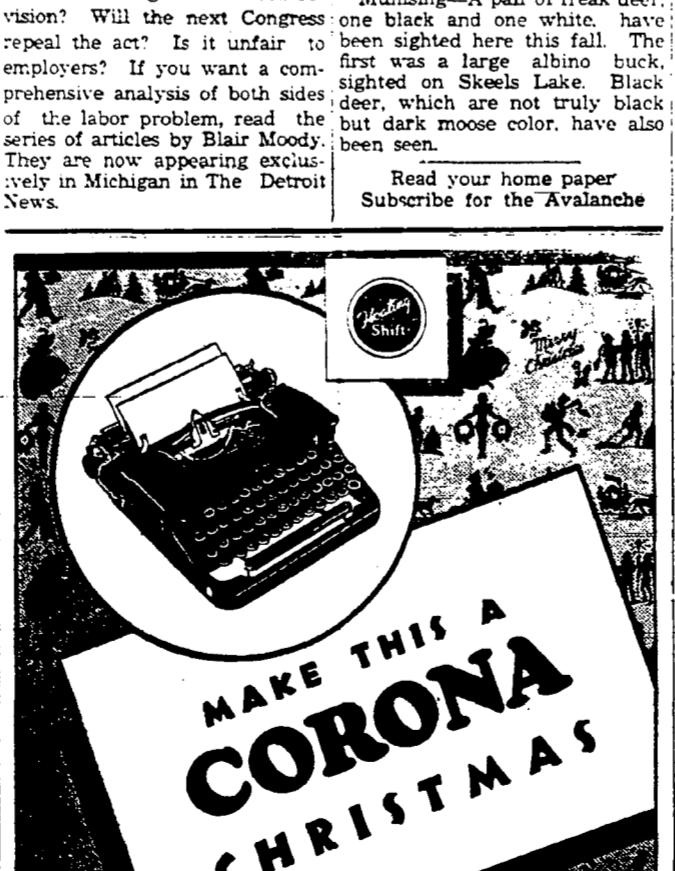
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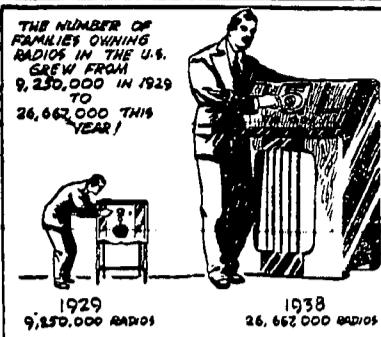


This remarkable replica of the \$15,000,000 Mt. Palomar, Calif., observatory and 200-inch "sky mirror," largest in the world, was exhibited recently in Los Angeles, whence it started on a world tour. The replica, which is one-twenty-fourth the size of the original dome, 16 stories high, reproduces faithfully every movement and function of the observatory. The huge telescope will be in operation next year. Samuel Orkin, who constructed the replica in collaboration with the Institute of Technology in Pasadena, is shown with the replica.

**The Crawford Avalanche**

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THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE by TOPPS



Lansing Who killed Cock Robin? Resentment of farmers and business men against the recession, says Gov. Frank Murphy.

Resentment of citizens in general against "too much leniency" by Governor Murphy toward the sit-down strikers, says Edward J. Fry, chairman of the Democratic state central committee.

And there, in a nutshell, you have the current controversy among two democratic factions in Michigan as to the cause of the administration's reversals at the polls last Nov. 8.

Lines are being drawn somewhat along those existing nationalities—liberal vs. stalwarts (or conservatives).

139,964 Fewer Votes

Analysis of the November balloting shows that Fitzgerald received 4,331 more votes this year than he did in 1936, while Murphy received 139,965 fewer votes.

Percentages of the total vote reveal that Murphy got 47.1 per cent and Fitzgerald 52.9 per cent. Two years ago it was 51.4 to 48.6.

Five voters out of every 100 changed their views between 1936 and 1938. This switch meant the defeat of the Michigan "New Deal" and the return of the Republicans to power at Lansing.

In the judgment of State Chairman Fry, a practical politician who looks at elections in the light of getting results, "our first job in the coming two years is to convince the independent voter that the Democratic party stands as it always has, for a fair deal for labor, but also a fair deal for industry. . . . Resentment of the public against the sit-downs was of too recent origin for us to make progress."

No Diversion of Funds

At a meeting of the American Road Builders association, of which he is president, Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner of the State Highway department urged citizens of other states to press for adoption of a amendment prohibiting diversion of highway funds.

Significance of the Michigan amendment is seen in the experience of Wisconsin. Last July 1, according to the Wisconsin Taxpayer, \$23,114,563 was "available" for highway needs—but there was only \$14,815,644 in the treasury. Obviously, nearly \$8,300,000 of the money due the Wisconsin highway department was not available at all. It had been spent for other purposes.

Quoting the Milwaukee Journal as of Nov. 23: "The plain truth is that Gov. LaFollette has used highway 'balances' to foot the bills for extravagances elsewhere—extravagances which he did not have the courage to finance through other taxation. He could do this because the so-call-

Health & Hygiene

THE DEAD TOOTH

The reason for the death of a tooth often is very obscure and many individuals have been puzzled as to the cause of the loss of vitality of a tooth. There are various causes for the death of the "nerve" of the tooth, as it is frequently called.

In the first place, the so-called "nerve" is only one part of the structure of a tooth, and it is not really the nerve that dies. The inner chamber of a tooth contains a soft, jelly-like substance, the pulp, which contains arterioles, veins and lymphatics, as well as nerve fibers.

The most frequent cause of the death of this group of tissues is infection. In the healthy tooth the pulp is very well protected from damage, but decay develops in the cavity thus formed gradually progresses inward to a point where the pulp is exposed, bacteria attack this more or less delicate tissue and soon causes its destruction.

Sometimes the pulp of a tooth is killed by shock. Large fillings used to restore extensive decay in a tooth often encroach on the pulp, or in other words, the decay extends to a point where there is only a thin shell of tooth substance covering the pulp.

The thermal changes produced by the large body of metal often occur very quickly and the blood vessels in this chamber become engorged with blood, resulting in the death of the pulp. Often times the shock may be the result of an injury—a fall or a sharp blow which extends to one or more of the teeth.

The sudden impact may cause a pinching off of the nerve and blood tissues entering the tooth. Death of a tooth often follows the development of a mal-occlusion, which causes a pounding of continuous irritation of one or more teeth. If continued irritation becomes too great, the tooth pulp becomes hyperemic (literally "blood shot") and dies.

Occasionally a tooth (the pulp or the nerve) dies due to the development of the so-called pulp stones. Small deposits of calcium salts develop in the pulpal tissue, caused by some chronic irritation.

If the process continues, such a stone may block or occlude one of the tiny blood vessels in the pulp and result in a dead tooth.

Pressure due to unerupted teeth, cysts, tumor growths and other abnormalities in the jaw bones have been known to kill teeth. Such injuries as the breaking of a tooth, the rupture of blood vessels and nerve fibers in the line of a fracture of the jaw may bring about the termination of the life of the pulp of a tooth.

Each dead tooth should be x-rayed at intervals since it is much more susceptible to infection (abscess) than normal ones.

Traffic Toll Cut

Michigan leads also in reduction of traffic deaths.

With a decrease of 36 per cent in highway fatalities, the state stands next to Pennsylvania in having the best automobile safety record for 1938 to date.

The National Safety Council, mindful of increasing drinking during holidays, is asking police departments to step up traffic enforcement and to post trusted officers at night clubs and other gay life spots to dissuade drinking drivers from taking the wheel.

As a part of its safety program, the state highway department has been studying the need of further grade separation.

No Overstocking

Department officials at Lansing have been instructed by Governor Murphy to take safeguards against overstocking prior to Jan. 1.

Edward W. McFarland, chairman of the liquor control commission, was given a \$3,000,000 limit for inventory on the inaugural office-changing day. It was a fattened inventory of nearly \$7,000,000 in liquor stocks which the Murphy administration insists it inherited on Jan. 1, 1937.

However, the high inventory permitted the governor to realize over four million dollars for deficit-reducing purposes in 1938.

Civil Service Injustice

Many veteran state employees, because they failed to pass qualifying examinations, lost their jobs this year. The plight of these workers was heightened by the lack of a pension system. State employees are not benefited by social security taxes in any way. A pension study commission is considering an optional retirement age of 65 and a compulsory retirement age of 70 on pension.

Harrison, Brigadier General

William Henry Harrison was chief of the army of the Northwest, but in the national forces he ranked only as a brigadier general, observes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. This placed him in an embarrassing and uncomfortable position because some of his officers were longer in the service and thus above him in seniority. Several times he considered sending his resignation to the President, but many residents of the state met in town meetings here and there and passed resolutions urging the President to promote Harrison to a major generalship. This was done.



Smilin' Charlie Says



The biggest job o'th year for Dad, is tryin' to get Johnny to sleep on Christmas Eve. ---

Christmas Seals Finance TB Tests

As part of the campaign against tuberculosis in Crawford county, twenty residents were X-rayed at a Christmas seal tuberculosis clinic held at Grayling High School on November 14th, the Michigan Tuberculosis Association announced this week. With the need great for discovery of early, minimal tuberculosis, the Association concentrated its ef-

orts on the X-ray examination of contacts people who had been exposed to a case of active tuberculosis.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that minimal cases are frequently found among the contacts of tuberculous persons.

"Minimal" cases, the Association explained, are cases of early, symptomless tuberculosis. That finding early, minimal tuberculosis means a great saving in money, as well as in lives, was stressed.

Eight out of every ten people admitted to Michigan sanatoriums today are in an advanced stage of tuberculosis. The expense of sanatorium care—approximately four million dollars annually—could be reduced considerably if eight out of ten patients were minimal cases," the Association declared.

Case-finding, through the tuberculin test and the X-ray, was pointed out as the most effective and economical aid to modern doctors in searching out tuberculosis. The Association believed that every Michigan county might well consider making provisions for an adequate case-finding program to supplement the Christmas seal financed X-ray clinics which are conducted throughout the state.

The cost of modern examination for tuberculosis is far less than the amounts counties spend annually to hospitalize their tuberculous sick. It is expected that the next great forward step in tuberculosis prevention and control will be taken when every county sets aside annually a comparatively small sum to provide its residents with periodic tuberculin testing and X-raying.

Cooperating with the Michigan Tuberculosis Association in arranging for the recent clinic was the District Health Department No. 1, under the direction of Dr. T. R. Laughbaum. All X-rays were taken by Arnold J. Linden, technician in charge of the Association's portable X-ray equipment. The films will be interpreted by tuberculosis specialists. Findings will be reported within a few weeks.

HIGH PREP SCORER



Bob Cifers, Kingsport, Tenn., high school football player, has established a new scoring record of 213 points this season, with two games yet to play as this is written. His record passes that of Bill de Correvent of Chicago, who scored 211 points last season. Cifers is 18 years old, weighs 185 pounds, and is a junior.

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Rhea a Tricky Game Bird
The rhea, the South America ostrich, is hunted with dogs and horses. It takes advantage of the wind and one wing and uses it as a sail.

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"I want to buy a tuberculosis Christmas seal."

With these words came a tug at the tunic of Princess Watassa, a member of the Chippewa Indian tribe and school health educator on the staff of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. When she turned, there stood a little boy with an earnest look on his face and handing her a penny. "I want," he repeated, "to buy a tuberculosis Christmas seal." The sale was made and Bernie Smith, Grand Rapids school boy shown above with Princess Watassa, became the first person in his county to purchase Christmas seals.

Princess Watassa's work is one of many Christmas seal financed activities that are carried on by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. The thirty-second annual sale of the tiny messengers of health commenced on Thanksgiving Day and will continue to Christmas. Funds raised will be used by the Association and its twenty-five affiliates in the state, to carry on the fight against the White Plague in 1939.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1938

WEVE had a lot of fun out of the Burns-Allen programs, but we doubt if the old wisecracks will ever sound as funny to us again. We can more easily forget the dad who needs bread for his family and can only get it by theft, but when highly paid entertainers like the above resort to smuggling, well, we just can't think of them as we used to. To one's faith so shaken is like losing an old friend.

Kiwanians Raise Sum
For Under Privileged
Children

There was the usual good attendance at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday noon, when Mr. M. L. Kapt, vice president of the Michigan Public Service Company was the guest speaker.

A report of the special, self-appointed committee—Holger F. Peterson and Charles Melchner—showed that these members gathered in nearly \$100.00 to be used in the Club's under-privileged children's fund... This will be used for such children as actually need wearables. It was a good stunt as "Hawk" and Charlie, dressed as Italian organ grinders, peddled their bags of peanuts for which generous citizens paid liberally. Next Wednesday the Club members will enjoy a Christmas tree, with presents for all, provided each brings something costing not more than 25¢.

President-elect Charles E. Moore will announce at the next meeting the appointment of his standing committees for the coming year. Don Sweeney, local manager of the M.P.S. Co. was a guest at the Wednesday meeting.

SEVEN WONDERS

Teacher: Name seven wonders of the world.

Johnny: I only know one and that was my daddy when he was a little boy.

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To Make A Long Story
Short

Commander Byrd predicts that in 10 years the air will be so full of aeroplanes that birds will be wearing bumpers, and that we'll have to carry umbrellas to protect our heads from falling bolts and nuts. This is no prediction. Your best protection in buying a used car is the reputation of the dealer from whom you buy it, and if you buy it from us, we'll "come clean" with you on a square deal.

NEWS BRIEFS

New Xmas Slippers are arriving daily at Olsons.

For baked goods, patronize St. Mary's bake sale to be held at Connie's Grocery, Saturday afternoon.

James Brown is away from his work at the Kerry Hanson Co., still owing to having infection in his left hand that resulted from a silver.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan, Mrs. Ernest Borchers and son Donald spent week end in Flint visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan.

Phone 110 if you would like to have your home decorated for Christmas. Robert LaMotte or Stanley Madson will call and talk it over with you.

Peter Babbitt of White Fish Point returned to his duties as coast guard there the latter part of last week after spending two weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. Reuben Babbitt.

The Holger F. Peterson family who have been staying at the Shoppenagons Inn for the past two months, have moved back to their apartment over the Grayling Laundry that has been remodeled and re-decorated to suit their taste.

Mrs. Clara McLeod, who recently had a cataract removed from one of her eyes at Alma by Dr. D. M. Howell, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Miss Elna Mae Sorenson entertained the girls of the Just Us Club and their husbands or escorts Tuesday evening at her home. Pinochle was played during the evening, with Lucille Larson and Robert Sorenson receiving highest score. Later in the evening the hostess served a delicious lunch to the group.

George Olson's Lincoln Zephyr is in the garage for repairs as Tuesday afternoon as he was returning from a trip to Kalkaska, he unavoidably hit a truck that was being towed unto the pavement by another truck. He was driving over a hill at the time and the truck was on the opposite side. George luckily escaped injury.

The customary Community Christmas treat for the kiddies of Crawford and Roscommon counties, made possible through the generosity of Grayling business men will be held Friday afternoon, Dec. 23. There will be a good talkie at the Rialto, beginning at 1:00 and leaving the theatre. Santa Claus will be at the entrance to give out sacks of nuts and candies. It is urged that people having vehicles of transportation in the various townships will see to it that not a single kiddie is missed. And those in Roscommon should be in Grayling for the first show at 1:00 o'clock. This is all complimentary by our business men.

Get Freeman Shoes, for men, at 5 and 6 dollars. at Olsons.

Be dressed up this Christmas in a pair of Florsheim Shoes. See the new styles at Olsons.

Aprons of every description will be on sale Saturday at the sale to be given by St. Mary's Altar society at the Kraus Store.

Following the Masonic installation Saturday evening, the Masons and Eastern Stars and their friends will enjoy dancing and cards, followed by lunch, at the Masonic hall.

Capt. and Mrs. Russell E. Bates of Logan, Utah, called by the illness last week, called by the illness of the former's mother, Mrs. M. A. Bates. They came through by plane. Mrs. Bates is improving right along, which will be glad news to her many friends.

Delaura Welch has lost her pedigree Persian kitten, recently given to her by her Grandmother Welch, and asks that if anyone has it that it be returned to her. It is as large as an ordinary cat, is black, except that it is mouse-colored on its breast and around its neck. Word may be left at the Avalanche.

The temperature this morning at 9:30 was 18 degrees above zero. Wednesday night it dropped to 13 degrees above. So far this winter the lowest temperature was 2 below zero, which was during the hunting season. With colder weather coming on the skating rinks about town are in the process of being made.

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Mrs. Lloyd Perry was pleasantly surprised Monday evening when several of her relatives and friends dropped in at her home to remind her of her birthday anniversary which fell on that day. Cards were enjoyed by the group during the evening until a pot-luck-lunch was served. Mrs. Perry was the recipient of many pretty gifts.

One would believe that half the people of the county were out at the Appreciation Day program Wednesday night. In spite of the storm and cold a huge crowd remained from start to finish. These Appreciation Day programs are proving very popular. They last two more weeks and are held at the Court yard promptly at 7:30 every Wednesday night. Whether they will be renewed for another 13 weeks is undecided.

Interwoven Hose for men are always appreciated for Xmas. See the new patterns at Olsons.

Miss Jane Ingle has gone to Detroit to spend the winter months with her niece Mrs. Leo Koerper. The fall weather was so nice and winter was so late in setting in, that Miss Ingle lingered longer than she usually does. In writing to have the Avalanche transferred to Detroit she says she will be back early in the spring. Her cottage at Lake Margrethe is being occupied for the winter by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penrod.

Mrs. Carl Kriepke was hostess to the members of the Danish Sisterhood at a lovely party Tuesday afternoon at her home. Lunch was served on an unusually attractive table, such as is set for a holiday feast in native Denmark. It was centered with a decorated Christmas tree placed on a mirror with draw figures placed around it. Doilies and napkins, dishes and silverware were the Danish kind and to top it all off the lunch was truly Danish. There were 10 ladies enjoyed being guests.

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Public Notice

County and School taxes are due and payable at the City Office December 1st.

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1938

Mrs. William Wiess Sr., is confined to her home with illness.

Mrs. George Burke, who has been ill at her home for several days was removed to Mercy Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Monday evening Mrs. Floyd Taylor entertained her Bunco club with Mrs. Harold Rasmussen and Mrs. Alfred Hanson, carrying off the scoring honors.

There will be delicious Christmas fruit cakes among the many good baked things that will be on sale at St. Mary's bake sale at Connie's Grocery Saturday.

President T. P. Peterson of the East Michigan Tourist Association was in Grand Rapids Tuesday and Wednesday, attending a meeting of tourist and resort officials.

Don Sweeney, of Mancelona, is the new manager at the Michigan Public Service Co. here. With the new manager at the office it will give Gail Clise more time to look after the lines.

The adult class in commercial art that is to begin tonight under instruction of Benny Jorgenson, will be held at the school house at 7:30 p. m. This is free and open to the public.

Buy aprons for gifts for Christmas at the Apron sale to be given by St. Mary's Altar society at the Kraus Dry Goods store Saturday afternoon. Sale begins at 10 o'clock.

The annual election of officers for the Izaak Walton League will be held tonight (Thursday) at Temple theatre, at 8:00 o'clock. Members should be present. There will be entertainment.

Preparations are now underway for the manufacture of cement blocks at CCC Camp AuSable. A good deposit of sand has been uncovered in the vicinity of the camp and a crew is working up a stock pile.

Everyone will be sorry to learn of the death of "Jack" the pet buck fawn at the McClanahan Lodge. "Jack" contracted pneumonia a short while after his eventful visit to Grayling and died at the ledge.

Charles Clawson is having a home erected on the lot on Elm street across from the W. J. Heric home. The foundation has been laid and work on the upright begun. It is to be a four-room house with bath.

Auction Sale, Saturday, Dec. 17 at Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Ronnow Hanson was away from his duties in the register of deeds office the first of the week because of illness. Mrs. Hanson was likewise absent from her duties at the Ben Franklin Store. Both are entertaining colds.

Grayling Moose Lodge will give a dance at their hall, formerly the Oddfellow temple, Friday night, Dec. 16. The public is cordially invited. There will be old-time and modern dances, and the Poki-Dot orchestra will play.

Donald Kerr, Robert and Claude Defrain are serving 15 days in the County jail, while Ray Defrain paid a fine of \$15.00 and costs. The four had plead guilty to malicious destruction of property at the City hall, before Justice Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower have leased the Hildebrand cottage at Lake Margrethe and have moved from the J. W. Sorenson house. The Sorenson house has been sold to Sheriff Frank Bennett and the family will be moving in after Christmas.

The new Superintendent's residence on the AuSable State Forest, being built by CCC enrollees from Camp AuSable is rapidly nearing completion. Interior work is all that remains unfinished. A septic tank of concrete cast in one piece has already been completed.

Here's a bargain! A very slightly used Smith-Corona typewriter—just like new if taken at once. Cost \$54.50. You may have it for \$40 and tax. What a chance for some young boy or girl to get a typewriter that will last them thru school and college and many years to follow. Avalanche Office.

Mrs. A. J. Nelson, joined here by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nameeck of East Jordan, were in Detroit last week called by the critical illness of the ladies' sister Mrs. Joseph Schummer, who passed away Dec. 7. Mrs. Schummer was 39 years old. Mrs. Nelson came home planning to return for the funeral, but found her daughter Marjorie ill with scarlet fever.

The Lutheran Junior Aid held their annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday afternoon at the Danebod hall. The display tables were decorated in pine boughs and lighted candles graced each table. Nels Nielsen had on display some fine pieces of handiwork carved from various types of wood. Lunch was served in the basement during the afternoon and there were many who were served. The society made a neat little sum to add to their treasury.

See the Womens Velvet Artics at \$2.95 to \$5.00, at Olsons.

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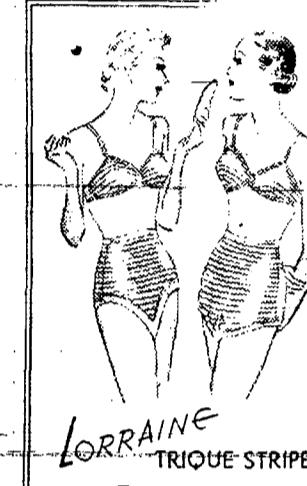


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St. Mary's Altar society will give a bake sale and apron sale on Dec. 17.

Mrs. M. A. Bates is reported to be improving from her recent serious illness.

The latter part of the week saw two "Italians" dressed in native colors, and with bright red cheeks going into all the stores. One carried a tin cup and sacks of peanuts and the other a hand-organ. On the sides of the organ were signs printed, "Kwanis Christmas Fund." So cleverly were they disguised that it took everyone a minute before they recognized Holger Peterson carrying the cup and Charles Malichar, the organ. Both were quite an attraction on the streets.

Yes, we have RED CROSS Dress Slippers for Women, at Olsons.

The Dan C. Babbitt home is in quarantine down the river, Howard Babbitt having contracted scarlet fever.

Miss Margrethe Bauman entertained her Bridge Club Saturday afternoon at a very delightful luncheon. Mrs. Stanley Stealy received the score award. Mrs. Harold Cliff was a guest of the club.

Perry Mills, who for the past two years has worked for his father, F. J. Mills in his jewelry store here has started in business for himself at Bellaire. He has opened a jewelry shop, and is doing repair work. Hosts of Grayling friends wish him much success.

The latest victims of the scarlet fever epidemic are Supt. Gerald Poor and Undersheriff Clyde Peterson. Others include Mrs. William Kraage, Marjorie Nelson, Phyllis Schmidt and Barbara Clough.

Yes, we have Admiration Hose for women; 2 to 7 thread, in Xmas boxes, at 79c to \$1.19, at Olsons.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 16, 1915

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shaw returned Tuesday from Arkansas being called there by the death of Mrs. Shaw's father. They have been absent about three weeks.

Miss Flora Hanson is a new clerk at the Sorenson Bros. store during the holiday rush.

Mrs. Chas Adams and youngest daughter left Monday for a short visit with her parents at Deward.

Miss Bessie Bazaar is assisting at Holiday Bazaar after school and evenings.

Miss Rosanna Saens arrives Monday from Detroit to spend the holidays with her parents and friends here.

Tony Nelson is confined to his home with an attack of appendicitis.

John W. Jordan, who came from Jonesville, to work for C. Palmer and built the first packing mill in our city, died at Toledo Nov. 29 and was buried beside his wife in Jonesville cemetery.

The members of the Lower Order of Moose gathered for a venison feed at their club room Monday night. About forty-five members gathered around a festive table and four hind quarters were nearly consumed. The venison was contributed by Sheriff Cody of here and P. J. Burke of Frederic.

Mrs. Lloyd Gralke and child returned Tuesday from Kossuth, Iowa, after a couple of days visit with relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton of Detroit, Sunday, Dec. 5th, a girl, Margaret Elena V. Newton was formerly Miss Alice Rasmussen of this city.

Richard Babbitt has received his commission of Deputy State Game warden in charge of the game preserve at the Manistique reservation.

Miss Nellie Strandberg, after the latter part of the week, will be spending several days in the state.

The annual meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Institute society was held at the Court house in this city, Friday.

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Northern Division

United States of America,)

Petitioner, vs) Law

64.60 acres of land in No.

Crawford County, Mich.,) No.

44, Andrew Scott, et al.,) Defendants.

Order of Publication

At a session of said Court, held

in the District Courtroom of the

Federal Building in the City of

Detroit, on the 28th day of November, A. D., 1938.

Present: Honorable Arthur J.

Judge, United States District

Judge.

On this date, it appearing to

the Court from examination of

the files and records in the above

entitled cause, that the following

and all other persons not particu-

larly named are made respon-

dents in the Petition filed in

this cause, as having or claiming,

or appearing to have or claim,

some or any interest whatsoever,

in the several parcels of land affected by

this suit, the following persons,

whose residences are known:

Andrew Hart, Royal Oak, Michigan;

Alex M. Peterson, guardian of

Estate of Nettie Hart, mentally

incapable, Royal Oak, Michigan;

H. H. Gne, Roscommon,

Michigan; Mrs. Bertha Lott, Ur-

bania, Illinois; Mary E. Dean,

Urbana, Illinois; Emma Darling,

Urbana, Illinois; J. W. Sanders,

Urbana, Illinois; R. Zink Sanders,

Urbana, Illinois; Crawford County

Treasurer, Grayling, Michigan;

the following persons whose ad-

dressess are unknown: Louis friend,

Louis Heidebach, Philip

Heidebach; David Kester; Daniel

Kester; Frank Friend; Frank L.

Friend and Mary E. Friend, his

wife; Estate of Mrs. L. H. Melky,

deceased; Rosa Gile, if living, or

if deceased, their several heirs,

representatives, successors and

assignees, known and unknown;

The real estate in this cause is

described as follows: Tract No.

1/4, Section 16, T 25 N, R

3 W, Crawford County;

The above land, situated in

Crawford County, State of Michigan,

totaling 160 acres, and is subject

to all and any reservations,

and/or exceptions, and/or easi-

ments, as set forth in the Peti-

tion filed in this Court and cause;

It further appearing to the

Court that there may be persons,

firms and corporations, respond-

ents to this suit, whose names and

addresses are not known to your

Petitioner;

It further appearing to the

Court that some of the aforemen-

tioned respondents have been

since the commencement of this

suit, and are now, absent from

the State of Michigan, and can-

not be found in said district;

It further appearing to the

Court that upon diligent search

and inquiry it is and will be im-

possible to find some of the above

named respondents to serve them

personally in the manner provi-

ded by statute, and that they have

not nor have any of them, voluntary

or otherwise, appeared in said cause,

on motion of John W. Babcock, At-

torney for the Petitioner, it is

Ordered that said respondents,

and each of them, and all

persons whatsoever, having

or claiming, or appearing to have

or claim, some or any interest in

any of the above mentioned land

affected by said Petition appear

before this Court in its Courtroom

forementioned, on the 20th day

of February, A. D., 1939, at ten

o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern

Standard Time, and then and

there show cause why the prayer of

said Petitioner should not be

granted.

It is further ordered that ser-

vice of this Order be made on

said respondents by publication of

a copy thereof to be made at least

six successive weeks, at least once

each week in the Crawford

Avalanche, a newspaper published

in Crawford County in said dis-

trict, the last publication there-

of to be made at least six days

before the day hereinbefore fixed

for the appearance of said re-

spondents.

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Present: Honorable Arthur J.

Judge, United States District

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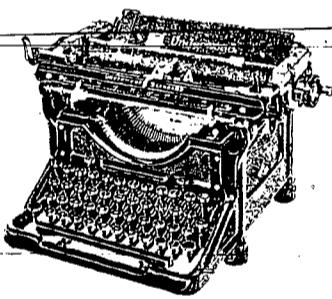
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Hurry Pop! What's the Reason For All These Fake Whiskers?



Peggy Hopkins Joyce plays hostess to all the Santa Clauses in New York at a luncheon in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Lucky no youngsters were around or there might have been trouble!

What will you answer this Christmas when starry-eyed Junior raises his face and asks:

"Daddy, how come I saw three Santa Clauses downtown today?"

Or:

"Mother, why was Santa Claus riding in an automobile today? Are his reindeer hurt?"

Or, looking at a newspaper:

"Why was Santa Claus so thin when I saw him on the corner today? He's fat in this picture!"

This is the season when harassed parents must think up quick answers or destroy Junior's faith in St. Nicholas. For Santa Claus, though a messenger of joy, can also be a pest. In Omaha a sympathetic mayor last year ruled that the army of fake Santas must leave the streets, thereby bringing sighs of relief from Mother and Dad.

But in other towns and cities, parents may restrain an impulse to strangle every red-suited gentleman

he meets on the street. To prevent this mass liquidation, thoughtful persons have now offered a solution which has worked before and should work again. When Junior wonders about so many different kinds of Santas, the explanation is that they aren't Santas at all, but just his helpers. Simply wreath your face in a benevolent smile, take Junior on your knee, and repeat the following:

"You see, Junior, Santa is a very busy man and he needs lots of help. So he has helpers who ask boys and girls what they want in their stockings."

The only trouble is that Junior may answer:

"Yeah, but papa, why did that man there say that he really was Santa Claus and that he'd be sure to bring me a big train set, an' a lot of toy soldiers and a drum an' a . . . ?"

Maybe the situation is hopeless!

Banker Plays Role of Santa For Prisoners

Distributed Money to Charity Under Name, "Mickey Finn"

SIOUX CITY, IOWA.—A mysterious Santa Claus whose identity was revealed only at his death early in 1937, will be remembered here each Christmas as one of Sioux City's most beloved characters.

His name was Ed T. Kearney, real estate man and banker who brought Yuletide joy to hundred with anonymous contributions to inmates of prisons and missions. His gifts were always accompanied by poorly written letters bearing the signature, "Mickey Finn."

A sample of Kearney's unusual letters has been uncovered in the note written to the sheriff of Cook county, Ill., in 1930:

DEAR SHERIFF,
Please use the small check inclosed to buy small gifts for the State Penitentiary people you may have within the state of Iowa on Christmas day. Your kind gift will be greatly appreciated.

The identity of "Mickey Finn" was not discovered until Kearney was in a Sioux City hospital during his last illness. A daughter, possessed of some circumstantial evidence, confronted her father with the question and he confessed that he was "Mickey Finn." When his private papers were examined clippings were found substantiating his confession.

The character of Mickey Finn was created early in the 1900s when Mr. Kearney was president of a bank at Jackson, Neb. He met many bankers from over the country at conventions and when he started his Santa Claus role in the person of "Mickey Finn," he simply wrote his banker friends in other cities and obtained their co-operation in sending the checks and keeping his identity secret.

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Michigan Mirror

Lansing—Voters of Michigan may be called upon to express approval or disapproval next April of two additional amendments to the state constitution.

Encouraged by the success of the "good roads" amendment at the November 8 election, the Michigan Education association proposes to seek legislative action next month to earmark state funds for educational purposes. So far the idea is yet in the hatching process, and no definite plan has been formally approved.

Educators are determined that public schools must be guaranteed a fair share of revenue, and a constitutional amendment is one way of assuring this.

Governor-elect Frank Fitzgerald has pledged support to statutory earmarking of school funds and he also has promised to recommend a state appropriation of at least \$44,000,000 a year in state revenue. Last year the schools received \$41,000,000.

Non-partisan Courts?

Assured on the April ballot is a proposed constitutional amendment to remove judges from politics.

Instead of creating a judicial commission to nominate candidates to the Supreme court bench and let the governor make his choices, the new amendment would merely require a non-partisan listing of judicial candidates for county and state courts. Party designations would be prohibited.

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Merrie Christmas

Christmas Specials

Toys, Gifts, Sleds, Skates, Skis, Velocipedes

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13 Tube Console Grand Radio, formerly \$125 now \$99.50

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Crest Safety Snow Tread, as low as \$7.50

One Heavy Duty Tube FREE with each pair of Tires.

Completely Denatured Alcohol 53c gallon

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Proprietor

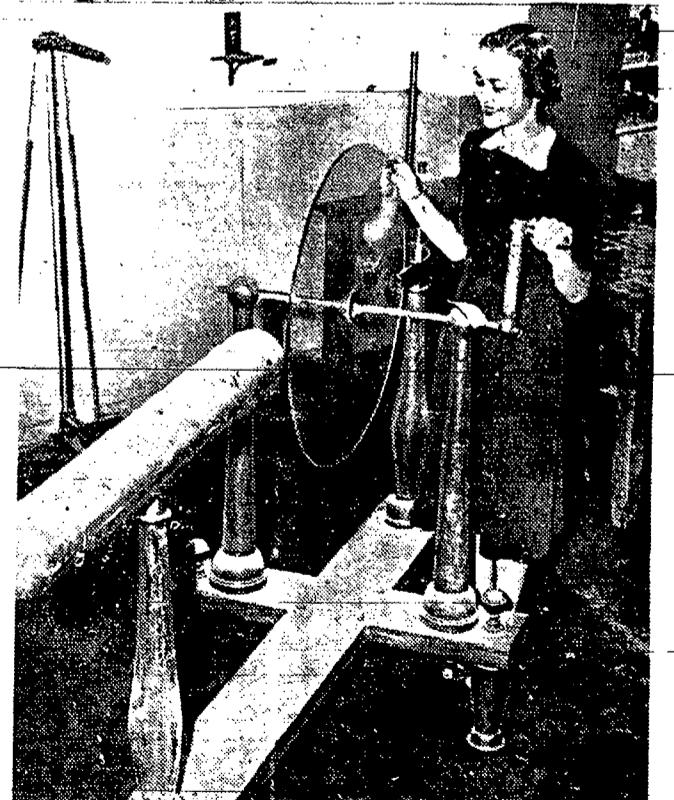
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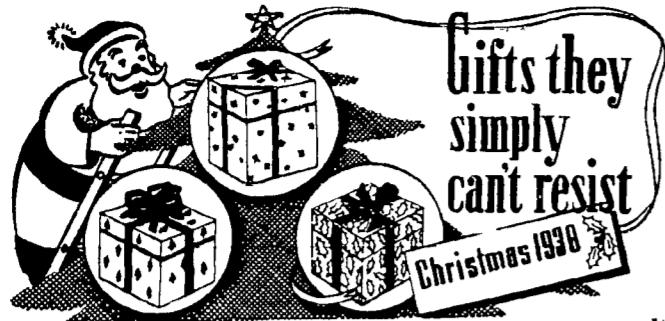


While netting crabs, Dorothy Jordon accounts for these two—just enough for a salad—which she holds gingerly and a long way from the snapping claws.

Made Light Bulbs Before Edison's Time



The electrostatic machine used by Dr. Alexander Means who, according to authorities at Emory University at Atlanta, Ga., manufactured the first electric light bulb before the Civil War, long before Thomas Edison's day. Dr. Means was president of Emory when it was located at Oxford, Ga. The machine used by Dr. Means in successful experiments with the incandescent bulb in 1852, according to the authorities, has been moved from Oxford to Atlanta and is to be put on display at the Emory University museum.

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"After an interesting tour of Camp Mackinac, I have an excellent impression of constructive enterprises and cooperative efforts."—Clayton B. Renning, Chicago, Illinois.

"Of all the alphabetical soup, the CCC stands out as being the most dignified, purposeful, and free from scandal of all kinds."—Mrs. Shraff, Ferndale, Michigan.

"I think the CCC is the best of all possible solutions to the unemployed youth situation. It has proven its worth many times. I have never heard an uncomplimentary remark about it."—S. Eriksen and family of Saginaw, Michigan.

"Your guides were wonderful. If they're an example of the kind of boys in the CCC, I'd like to send half the boys in our neighborhood up here."—Mr. and Mrs. CLARE MADSEN, Township Treasurer, 11-24-8

Edward Kehoe, Gagetown, Michigan.

"Your camp is really going forward in a hurry. The improvements that your guides pointed out as having taken place are almost unbelievable."—Mrs. Wilda King, Detroit, Michigan.

"You certainly keep things in as neat a condition as humanly possible."—John Miel, Muskegon, Michigan.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 18, 1938
Sunday School—9:30 a. m.
English service: 11 a. m.
C. Stockholm, Pastor.

Notice

I will be at the town hall for the purpose of collecting Township Taxes on Tuesdays and Saturdays, beginning December 10.

CLARE MADSEN,
11-24-8
Township Treasurer.

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Champion of Economy Named Dep. Auditor

UPPER PENINSULA LEADER APPOINTED BY BROWN
Gus T. Hartman of Houghton To Serve Under Brown As Deputy Auditor General

The well known team of Brown and Hartman will step into double harness again on January 2 when Gus T. Hartman assumes the job of deputy auditor general of Michigan alongside Vernon J. Brown, auditor general elect, who Wednesday announced the selection of his former house colleague as chief aid and assistant. The combination of Brown and Hartman is not unknown in state affairs. Both are veteran members of the house of representatives. Their names were associated much during the 1933 session of the legislature when they jointly introduced on the opening day of the session more than a hundred bills, all aimed at reducing state expense, and the cost of administering government, both state and local.

Mr. Hartman, who hails from Houghton, served as deputy auditor general under John J. O'Hara during 1933 and 1938. Previously he had served in the 1925, 1927, 1930, 1931 and 1933 legislatures. He is a Cleary college graduate and previous to his legislative experience, was engaged in the railroad business, resigning as assistant superintendent in 1913 to enter the real estate business. He has served as supervisor and as mayor of his home city.

When Representative Brown began his crusade against waste and extravagance in state affairs back in 1932, Gus T. Hartman was chairman of the house committee on ways and means, he also having won a reputation as an advocate of economy in public matters. Brown's crusade culminated in the creation of a special commission of inquiry into state governmental expense. One senator and two house members were appointed by Governor Wilbur M. Brucker; three senators and three-house members were selected by the lieutenant governor and the speaker respectively. This commission of nine worked through the summer of 1932 but before its work had been completed the political landslide of that year had swept out of office all of the nine except Brown and Hartman. Then it was that more than 100 economic measures drafted as the result of the work of the commission were presented to the 1933 legislature, then overwhelmingly democratic. They bore the names of Hartman and Brown as joint introducers. How this team can work in harness is best demonstrated when it is recalled that more than 85 of the bills actually became law, enabling the legislature to clip nearly \$10,000,000 from the general items of the state budget.

In commenting upon his choice of deputy, the incoming auditor general said, "I have promised drastic reductions in the cost of operating my own department and close auditing of every item which goes through that department for payment. In addition to this I expect to institute a greatly improved system of accounting and expect to give much attention to my duties as a member of the state administrative board and the board of sales tax administration. Obviously I must have a deputy on whom I can depend and one familiar with the details of the department. In my opinion no man in Michigan, available for appointment, fits these requirements so closely as Gus T. Hartman. We have worked together before. We know each other well and hold each other mutually in high regard. The people of Michigan may expect a smooth running department, tuned to efficient operation and prompt service to the public."

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GRAYLING DOWNS HARBOR SPRINGS, 15-14

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ball. He had a tough assignment and handled it with real success. The Harbor Springs team, players and management alike, were most complimentary in their comments on the officiating.

The Reserve teams fought it out in the preliminary and Harbor pulled out the win by a score of 16 to 7. It was a low-scoring game in which the visitors led throughout.

The next home game finds Gaylord due here on Jan. 8. The team is on the road during the early part of the season, which will give home fans a lot of home games later on.

Box score: Grayling 15; Harbor Springs 14.

Grayling FG FT TP
Moser, rf 0 0 0
Hanna, if 1 0 2
Aien, c 1 1 3
Shepard, rg, (C) 1 2 4
Davert, lg 2 1 5
Total 5 4 14

Deckrow, rf 0 1 1
Tibbets, rf 1 0 2
Smock, if 2 3 7
Moshier, c 0 0 0
Lovely, rg, (C) 1 0 2
Petersen, lg 1 0 2
Hull, rg 0 1 1
Total 5 5 15

G. H. S. Loses To Houghton Lake

Tuesday night the Green and White basketball teams journeyed to Houghton Lake in an attempt to make it "4 Straight" this season. Playing heads-up basketball, Houghton pulled a surprise and won both games.

In the 2nd team game the Houghton Lake quintet ran up an 8-1 lead in the first quarter and the issue was never in doubt after that. The final score was 12-3.

The first team game proved to be a thriller as Houghton Lake won the hard way by coming from behind in the fourth quarter and winning by a 24-26 margin.

In the first half the Green and White had much the better of the scoring, leading 4-1 at the quarter and pulling away to a comfortable lead of 13-5 at the half. During the third quarter Coach Rankin's men really started to click, their plays seemed to be working better, and they had reduced the Green and White lead to 6 points. Going into the last quarter on the short end of a 22-16 count Houghton gradually closed the gap by steady scoring and finally pulled out in front by two points.

"Birdie" Tebbets refereed and did an excellent job. "Birdie" knew his basketball, enjoys the confidence of fans, players, and coaches, and is rapidly establishing himself as one of the most competent officials seen locally in recent years.

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SCHOOL NEWS

In the Girls Kickball League, the Tigers defeated the Cubs 17-10.

In the Boys Basketball League the Pirates pulled a surprise and defeated the favored Lions, 6-1.

In the "Big Five" Basketball League, the Minnesota Gophers defeated Purdue 19-11. Northwestern won their first game by downing Michigan, 7-4. On Monday night Illinois remained undefeated by defeating the class Minnesota five 17-13. Michigan played nice ball when they defeated the Purdue Boilermakers, 11-9.

Last week, a High School Intramural Basketball League was formed for the boys. Three teams comprise this league and games are played on Mondays and Thursdays of each week. In the first game, the Dodgers defeated the Indians in a very close battle, 15-14. The teams and captains are:

Dodgers—Capt. C. Anthony; F. May, F. Jenson, W. Nelson, B. Sorenson, D. Merrill, C. Gorman.

Indians—Capt. F. Westerholm; A. Anthony, R. Anthony, D. Corwin, B. Tinker, W. Merrill, B. Palmer, R. Chappel.

Senators—Capt. M. Nelson, G. Smith, E. Dunham, H. Jankowski, C. Glover, K. Peterson, E. Funck, J. Mathews.

On Monday night the Senators made the High School league a wide open race by defeating the league leading Dodgers, 13-12.

With The 9th Grade Home Ec.

Monday noon Ninth Grade Home Ec. group gave a luncheon with their mothers as guests.

Those preparing and serving the luncheon were Ann Bidvia, Fay Christensen, Eleanor Bugby, Mildred Craft, Gloria Mortenson, Joan Montour, Aileen Larson and Patricia Carter.

Tuesday evening another group of the Ninth Grade Home Ec. class entertained their mothers at a luncheon. Those participating included Margaret Reynolds, Eugenia Wheeler, Joyce Bugby, Ruth Kernosky, June Doroh and June Benson.

The Home Ec. Club held a party at the High School Tuesday evening. Games and dancing were the features of the evening and everybody voiced it a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Evans, Director of Health Education of the Couzens fund, visited the Grayling Schools Tuesday.

YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE PLAY DECEMBER 20TH

(Continued from front page)

Bishaw, Ruth Decker, Betty Wakeley, Joyce Kochanowski, Joan Reynolds.

Holly Wreaths—Phyllis Bennett, Vera Tinker, Sara Smith, Geraldine Fletcher, Marjorie Lovely, Madeline Straehly.

Poinsettias—Christine Sales, Joan Corwin, DeLauras Welch, Iris Annis, Maxine Love, Isabelle Purvis.

Story Book Dolls—"Little Jack Horner," Larry Meisel, Cecil Andrews, Ethel Pratt, Donna Perry, George Kesseler, Jack Miliken, Evangeline Kolka.

Jumping Jacks—James Feldhauser, Henry Feldhauser, Dick Barber, Dale Schwerdt, DeWayne Loper, Robert Horning, Richard Morris, Joie Kernosky.

Walking Boy Dolls—Jerry Barber, Jack Goss, Floyd Horning, Aliden Lovely, Teddy Hanover, Larry Wakeley, Elery Horning, Billy Weiss, Douglas Welch, Dick Bissonette, Dick Souders, Buddy Andrews.

Santa Claus—Claud Parkinson.

L. N. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Ladies National League held their annual election of officers at the Moose Hall Wednesday night. Following are those who were chosen to fill the various offices:

President—Mrs. Helen Wythe.

1st vice Pres.—Mrs. Emma Knibbs.

2nd vice Pres.—Mrs. Hattie Moshier.

Treas.—Mrs. Wm. Williams.

Chaplain—Mrs. Hattie Sherman.